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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of BUSCH et al.

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International Application PCT/EP 00/08515

Filed: August 31, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CARBONYL CHLORIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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